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Osborn Gets Life Sentence for Gogan Murder Lawyer Promises to Appeal Conviction Citing Police Procedure

By Jonathan Murnane

Convicted killer Jeremy Osborn will appeal his murder conviction of Laura Gogan.

Gogan was a student at UNO when she was murdered in December 1993. Osborn, 20, was sentenced to life in prison on Thursday, June 15, according to news reports.

Osborn also received an additional 10 to 15 years for using a weapon to commit a felony.

Laura's parents, John and Adrienne Gogan of Lincoln, said they were pleased with the sentence but were concerned at the thought of appeal.

"I think we're pretty satisfied with [the sentence]," Mrs. Gogan said. "I was surprised that the judge didn't consider it a heinous act, though."

"Even though I may have preferred death, I expected a life sentence," Gogan said. "Because of his age and lack of priors."

J. William Gallup, Osborn's attorney, said Osborn is seeking an appeal because confession may have been obtained unconstitutionally by the police handling the investigation.

Gallup said that Osborn was taken to the police station early in the morning and was left in a locked room for five or six hours

before police spoke with him, then he confessed to the murder.

"The police cannot arrest anyone without probable cause," Gallup said. "They have to have some reasonable suspicion."

Gallup said that being in a locked room at the police station constitutes an arrest.

Sgt. Robert Muldoon of the Omaha Police Department said the officers handled the case according to police procedure.

Muldoon said witnesses may have to wait because of the lack of manpower at the police department.

"People assume we have unlimited resources," Muldoon said.

Muldoon said the

only way to change this occurrence, which is not according to policy, but circumstances, is by adding more investigators.

Gallup said he believes they might not have had any evidence to take Osborn to the station and hold him when they did.

Gallup said the issue of the appeal will be whether or not the confession was admissible.

If he was held in a locked room, Gallup said that constitutes an arrest, and could be considered an illegal arrest, which would taint the evidence of the confession.

"The Court of Appeals is going to have to determine if he was locked in the room," Gallup

said.

Gogan said that the same argument as the appeal was brought up at trial and it was dismissed.

Muldoon said that with large investigations and multiple witnesses that all witnesses can't be questioned in a timely manner.

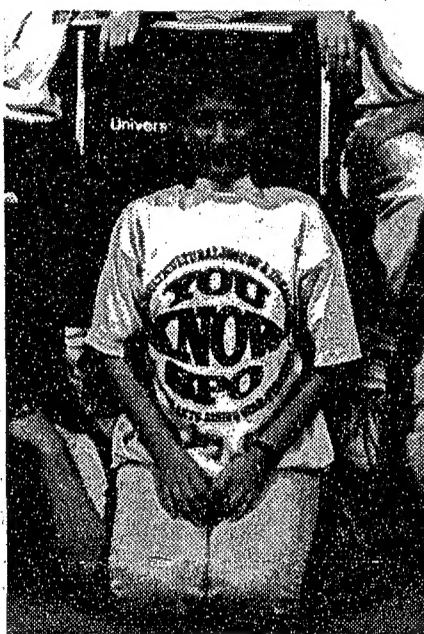
"Somebody's going to have to wait," Muldoon said.

Muldoon said when witnesses are retained in questioning rooms for long periods of time, as was the case with Osborn, the department has to keep them from wandering around and talking to other witnesses.

"It is a restricted area," Muldoon said. "We don't want them wandering around."

News reports indicate that the judges presiding over the sentencing hearing were Judges James Buckley, Bryce Bartu and Maurice Redmond. The judges had to weigh the mitigating circumstances in the case against the aggravating circumstances to determine sentencing.

The mitigating, or lessening, circumstances included that Osborn said he was intoxicated, he had no known history of



—Gogan

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Dorm Plans Begin to Surface

By Derek Kowal

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents recently endorsed the creation of an idea that has been foreign to UNO since 1908 when it was built — residence halls.

That endorsement now gives UNO the ability to license a project to eventually take back to the Regents.

Dave Irvin, manager of facilities planning and management, said the project under consideration is a residence hall with 175,000 square feet and the ability to house 600 students.

Among those considered for boarding in this hall are international students, athletes and honor students.

Although the residence hall wouldn't restrict to those three groups, Irvin said those groups were seen as possessing the largest need for the building, and were recognized by the Regents as people who could occupy the space immediately.

"We have the groups to fill it already," Irvin said. He said if this residence hall was successful, others would certainly be in the future.

Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student services, said the future of having residence halls at UNO is a positive one.

"Having residence halls on campus allows students to be more involved on campus, and it even results in better learning, a feeling of belonging, and a retention rate that's much improved," Hoover said.

Gary Anderson, UNO sports information director, said residence halls could start a core group of people who would get involved in campus activities.

He said that students living on campus would add an entirely new dimension to UNO because more students would be around on the weekends.

"It's a learning process. We've gone since 1908 without dorms. These will be good for us, but we need to take it slow," Anderson said.

Pat Behms, UNO head football coach, said he liked the idea of a residence hall because it could help him broaden his recruiting base, and help existing student-athletes concentrate on both academics and athletics.

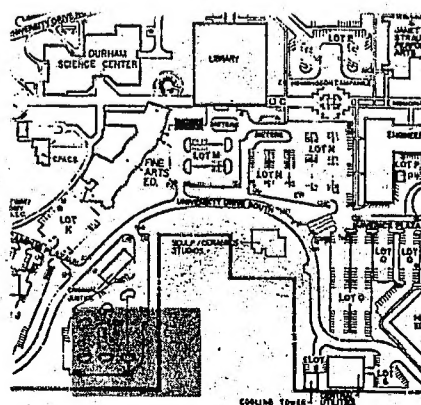
Anderson said the real significance lies with out-of-state students who are sometimes hesitant to attend UNO. Besides college responsibilities, they would have to find an apartment.

"Basically, parents are concerned for their kids. Residence halls can set their minds at ease," Anderson said.

The estimated \$13.4 million cost of construction for the residence hall will not mean an increase in student fees, Irvin said.

He said a combination of rent from the students living in the hall, low-interest loans and donations

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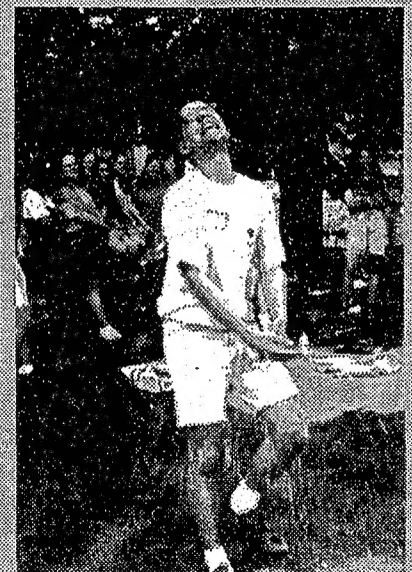


Shaded area approximates the proposed location for campus residence halls.

Doused!

Incoming freshman, Nick Sobczak, gets more than his feet wet at last week's New Student Orientation. Just one of the many activities offered during the week-long festivities.

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—M. Glogowski

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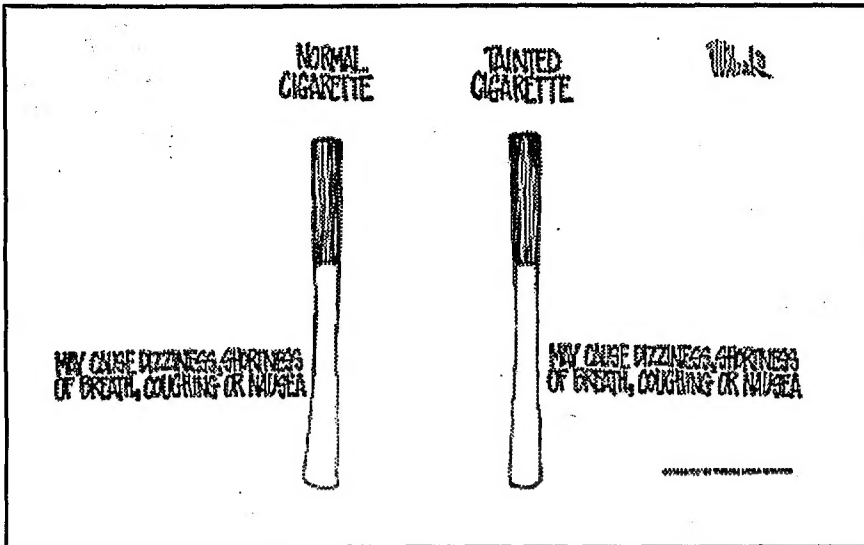
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'Ticketscheister Triumphs'

Add Pearl Jam's name to the list of big-name rock and rollers who have caved in to the pressure from Ticketmaster, the conglomerate partly responsible for high ticket prices at most concerts.

But you can't really blame Pearl Jam. After all, they're in the business to make money, so much for the true ideal of alternative music — to bring the music to the people.

When alternative music first hit the scene, people told me alternative meant bucking the system, being a little out of the ordinary. But alternative bands such as Pearl Jam and R.E.M. are finding that bucking the system cuts a little too deep into their pockets, and apparently they're not ready to be that alternative.

The real problem with Ticketmaster is that it controls most of the big venues in the United States, and bands such as Pearl Jam and R.E.M. are too "big" to play the smaller venues that may not be controlled by Ticketmaster. It would be too much to hope for that Pearl Jam would lower themselves to play, say, Omaha, that holds 10,000 people over Kansas City, where they may get 25,000 or more. Or even further down the line, to play a club date for mere hundreds.

I don't think it's too much to hope for that these bands could get the dollar signs out of their eyes long enough to get back to the basics of playing music for the sake of playing and being heard by their loyal fans.

Hey, if Ozzy Osbourne can play a club with only 900 people in attendance, why can't Pearl Jam? O.K., maybe Ozzy is a little past his prime, but he can still sellout the large arenas, as well as smaller clubs.

Whatever happened to the days when you got in line before the crack of dawn, or the night before, to buy your ticket for that long-awaited concert? Now it's a matter of who

has a credit card and the fastest dialing finger, and never mind that it's usually these same people who scalp tickets before a sold-out show, making the price of going to a concert even more expensive.

It doesn't take a math major to figure out that the cost of these big concerts is more expensive, and the cost is passed along to the consumer — namely you and I. But has anyone ever told the big promoters and record company executives that bigger doesn't always mean better. I've never met anyone at a concert who goes away saying how great the stage setup was or how terrific the light show was, they say how good the music was.

One of the best shows I've seen in my life, and this will date me, was Lynryd Skynryd's concert back in the 70s. It was just five guys on stage playing guitars and drums and putting on a killer show.

Too many record labels these days worry more about packaging an image and selling it to the crowd than giving an audience a really good musical show. When I shell out my hard-earned money for a concert ticket, it's not because I want to see lights, I want to hear the music that made me go out and buy the CD in the first place.

It's time for the consumer to say, "Heck no, we won't go," (to coin a phrase from the Vietnam era). If we refuse to pay the outlandish prices that promoters demand for a concert, and the added service charge that Ticketmaster imposes, maybe they'll finally learn that nobody can make any money if there are no audiences to hear the music.

Call me naive, but I think it's time for everyone in the music industry to start listening to the people who are paying their salaries, namely the consumer.

Staff Editorial
Kathleen Peek

Militias: Patriots, Anarchists, Both?

While Membership Increases, Leaders Continue to Deny Weapons Stockpiling

Last Wednesday CNN broadcast the Senate hearings of various militia leaders. What these leaders had to say was alarming, if not outright terrifying.

Many members of these paramilitary groups have said they are afraid of governmental abuse and a takeover of the United States by a world government, so they are taking matters into their own hands.

What this means is that all around

the United States, members of various militia groups are stockpiling weapons for the inevitable armed conflict they predict in the future.

At the Senate hearing Wednesday, the representative of the Michigan militia, dressed in camouflage, denied accusations that militia leaders are encouraging members to begin stockpiling weapons. However, in the same breath, he said they are telling members to prepare themselves and to do what is necessary to prepare for an all-out attack, and to have as many weapons as possible to be equipped for battle. Translation: stockpiling.

What is even more alarming, according to a news report by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, is that since the Oklahoma City federal building bombing, these paramilitary groups have had an increase in membership.

Estimates for total membership in militia groups stands at about 15,000 nationwide. But it is difficult to accurately determine the correct number of members nationwide. In fact, the estimate of 15,000 seems a little off the mark when compared to the estimates by militia leaders who say membership is in the millions.

One central message seemed to come from the militia leaders: that "time is running out before armed conflict" erupts between the government

and the people of the United States. According to a *Los Angeles Times* article, authorities say the militia's rhetoric states that the federal government is the enemy of the people.

What is perhaps most frightening is that these types of active paramilitary groups exist in at least 40 states. Exactly how many disgruntled militia members is this exactly? How many guns and how many weapons exist?

Most importantly, how many people are willing to use these weapons to create bombs, kill people, or get their message across by other means?

Constitutionally, each person, as a United States citizen, has the right to their own opinions and has the freedom to express them. However, when the lives and well-being of other citizens, as well as the entire country, are put in a dangerous position, things have gone too far.

There is no reason why individual citizens need to stockpile weapons, plain and simple. The only results that could ever come from this sort of "preparation" are chaos and unnecessary bloodshed.

It would be comforting to think that this is just a phase our country is going through. Unfortunately, this recent movement has become something that has grown in intensity, whether it stems from the overpowering dissent from our nation's politicians and hate radio, or from simple trends and cultures; it is not going away.

What are the solutions? These people can't be denied their constitutional rights, yet they impose an alarming threat on the nation and individual citizens — just look at Oklahoma City and how easy it seemed to happen.

The solution will not come overnight. It is up to our nation and its people to demand that this sort of extremism and anarchy does not destroy what we have all worked so hard to create and protect.

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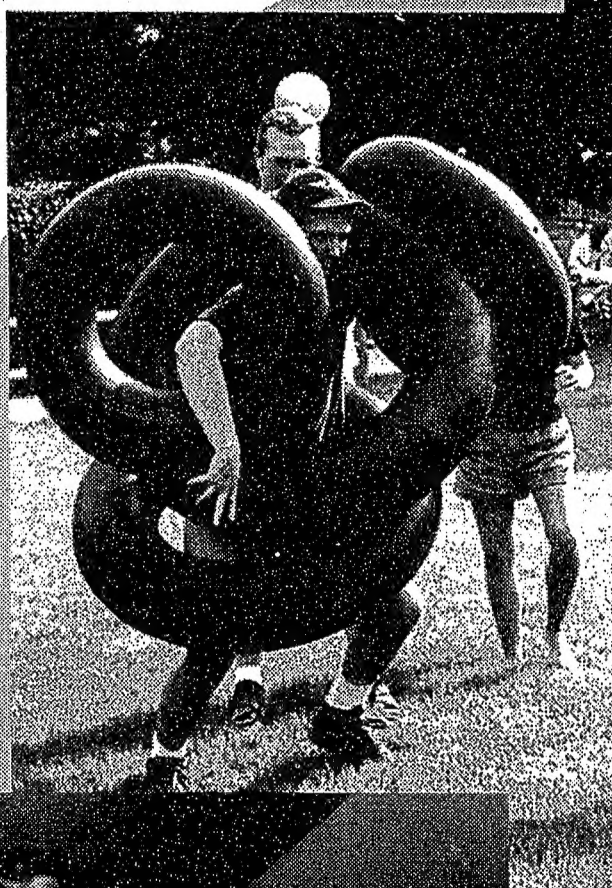
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New Student Orientation: Icebreaker and Educator

Story: Susan McElligott
Photos: Mary Glogowski



On a commuter campus as large as UNO's, some incoming students might feel lost and confused at first, unaware of all the programs and assistance available.

Laura Romero, graduate assistant in New Student Orientation (NSO), said it is important that these students feel at home at UNO to get the most out of their college years. NSO offers a chance for the incoming students to get acquainted with the university.

"We want to get them involved as soon as possible, to make them feel like they belong," she said. "We want them to be aware of all the opportunities available."

The Orientation PLUS sessions (Positive Link to Undergraduate Students) for the Fall 1995 semester took place last week, June 13, 15 and 16. Sessions lasted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Romero said new students toured campus on foot and by shuttle bus, and learned about various student services such as Health Services, Learning Center, Career Planning and Placement and Student Employment Center.

The organizations fair offered an opportunity for new students to learn about the clubs and organizations on campus.

"Going to College," a special segment in PLUS orientation, allowed new students to sample the classroom experience, she said. John Anstey, a business management professor, Kathleen Danielson in teacher education, and A. Raheem Yaseer, coordinator of

Afghanistan Studies, helped in these sessions.

"It gives the students time in the classroom, but it isn't a lecture," Romero said. "We ask the professors to discuss some aspect of student life, so the students feel comfortable talking to a professor."

Another activity unique to the PLUS orientations was Maverick Mania, which lasted from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Maverick Mania, sponsored mainly by campus recreation, provided a chance for students to socialize, play games, and eat barbecue.

Because of the renovation and addition to the Student Center, NSO was held at the new Alumni Center this year, and Romero said the change worked well.

Those who attended the orientation sessions filled out evaluation forms about the experience, and Romero said the reaction was very positive.

She credited orientation leaders for much of the success. About 15 UNO students currently work as orientation leaders, a job Romero described as "an excellent leadership opportunity, open to all students."

Traditional orientation sessions will begin June 26 and last through early August. One parent orientation session took place June 15, and one other will be offered June 26, to give parents an introduction to UNO.

"It's a nice opportunity for parents to learn about their child's experience in college," she said.



Counterclockwise from top:

- Shalon Buffum and Candice Diggs peruse information at the Student Organization Fair.
- Incoming freshmen Andy Stine and Scott Taff get all tired up in the tube relay race.
- Javine Horani of the Student Programming Organization welcomes incoming freshman Mark Freis with an icebreaking game of "The Price is Right."
- Senior Sam Balk (left, facing) and Andy Stine (center) get damp in the Water Balloon War.

New Faces Lighten Up the Dark Knight in Third Film, 'Batman Forever'

By Jonathan Murnane

Holy third time's a charm Batman! The third movie in the Batman series actually manages to lighten up.

After the dark atmosphere of the first two, and I am probably one of three people who liked the second one, "Batman Forever" is a lot more fun. If you don't want to know the secrets of the third installment of this series then stop reading now. If you don't mind the information, carry on.

Gotham City, the fictional city where "Batman Forever" takes place, is just as exaggerated as before, but it seems cleaner, a happier place to be, and "Batman Forever" reflects this happier attitude.

The only actors that remain from the first two are the actors who play Commissioner Gordon and Alfred, the butler.

Joel Schumacher takes the directing reigns from Tim Burton and seems to poke fun at the campy style of the 60s TV series with his camera angles at the beginning of the film.

There were also changes to some of the Bat-paraphernalia. The bat suit is different, the batmobile is different, and Robin (played by Chris O'Donnell) has been added to the bat-family.

For those of us who grew up with the Batman comic books, "Batman Forever" thanks us. It doesn't make fun of the stories that we remember, but legitimizes them.

The story involves the diabolical plot of Harvey "Two-Face" Dent (Tommy Lee Jones) and the Riddler (Jim Carrey). The Riddler has developed a new device that people put on their television that lets him read their minds.

The gruesome twosome figure out Batman's real identity and plan their revenge. Both the

Riddler and Two-Face have grudges against Batman and Bruce Wayne.

Bruce Wayne also deals with his own identity crisis as childhood memories of his parent's violent death begin to surface.

In his struggle for inner peace, Bruce meets up with Dr. Chase Meridian (the beautiful Nicole Kidman) who falls for both Batman and Bruce Wayne.

The story moves along fast and is full of action, drama and humor. Jim Carrey and Tommy Lee Jones take turns stealing the show as each one seems to outdo the other in going over the top from scene to scene.

I've never been a big fan of the overhyped, but popular Carrey. I liked him in "The Mask," and he was enjoyable here in a role that suits him as an actor, not just a comedian.

Chris O'Donnell's Robin/Dick Grayson is also a great addition to the Bat-franchise. O'Donnell is much more of a believable adolescent than his TV predecessor ever was. He's got the earring and the attitude. Grayson is on the hunt for revenge after Two-Face guns down his family.

Grayson manages to figure out Bruce Wayne's secret by

stumbling across the Batcave (actually he went to a lot of trouble to get behind the secret door) and then decides that Batman needs a partner.

After declining, Bruce Wayne accepts the lad before the final showdown with the villains.

In classic comic-book style, the Riddler sets up a puzzle for Batman as he has captured both Dr. Meridian and Robin. He forces Batman to choose which one he can save, since he won't have time to save both. But don't worry, you know if anyone could do it, Batman could and he does.

I was hoping they would bring back Michelle Pfeiffer's Catwoman from "Batman Returns," but that was not meant to be.

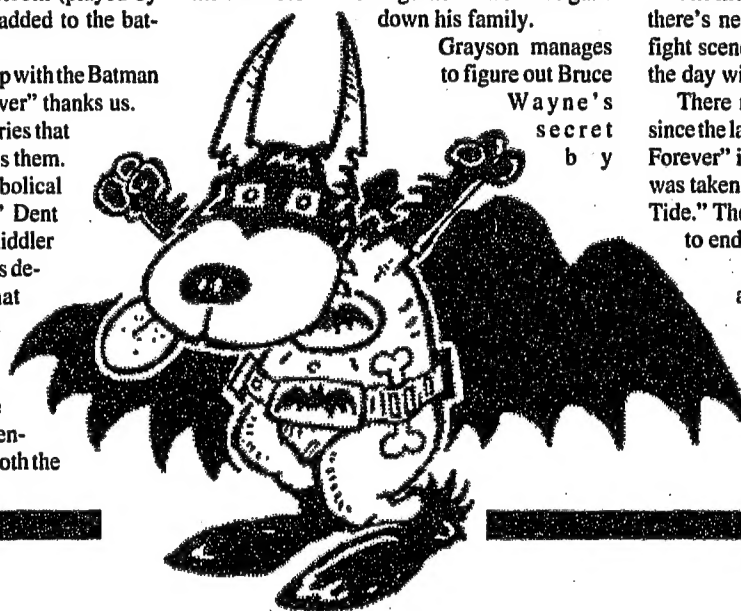
The theme of duality is as evident in this incarnation as it was in the second, even more so. Bruce Wayne struggles with the Batman side of his personality, Dick Grayson with being Robin, Edward Nygma with becoming the Riddler. Dr. Chase with her feelings for Batman and Bruce Wayne, and Two-Face is an anomaly in and of himself.

The movie clocks in at about two hours, and there's never a dull moment. It moves from fight scenes to love scenes to Batman saving the day with the greatest of ease.

There may be those of you that are wary since the last episode of this series, but "Batman Forever" is fun. It's the same type of ride that was taken with "Jurassic Park" and "Crimson Tide." The movie carries you from beginning to end.

If you can forgive the rubber stomachs and nipples on the bat suit then you can go home from this movie believing you spent your money on some good entertainment.

"Batman Forever" is rated PG-13 and is showing at area theaters.



UNO's Weekly Guide to the Summer Soaps

GATEWAY SOAP BUBBLES "Days of Our Lives"

By Jonathan Murnane

Soap operas began as escapist entertainment and simple campy fun. "Days of Our Lives" has brought this concept into the 90s.

Last week I extolled the virtues of "Guiding Light" because the show is so grounded in reality. "Days of Our Lives" is anything but.

The current focus on "Days" is the possession of Dr. Marlena Evans, by none other than Satan. At this point the possession is out in the open, which means Marlena can no longer lurk through the shadows setting places on fire and dropping chandeliers on wedding parties.

Marlena's ex-husband is John Black, but he was actually Roman when they were married. The identity crisis of this man could fill another article, so I will just say that John is now a priest and is working to exorcise the devil from Marlena.

While Marlena's possession is one of the main focus of the show, her on-screen kids are acting as if they've been possessed as well.

Oldest daughter Carrie is engaged to Austin. But Austin has a secret: he slept with Carrie's sister Sami. Sami has been away for a few months, but recently popped back into Salem, the fictional town where "Days of Our Lives" takes place.

Top cop Bo Brady recently wed Billie, but his ex-wife Hope just came back. But whether or not she is Hope is a mystery to her and Bo, although viewers know that she really is Hope.

Hope goes by the name Gina because she's not sure who she is. Gina and Billie are also best friends.

Almost as evil as Satan is the conniving Vivian. Vivian has been known to bury people alive and cause planes to crash to get rid of her rivals.

Right now Vivian's attraction is to business mogul Victor Kiriakis and she will do anything to get him.

She went so far as to have herself artificially impregnated with the eggs of Victor and his wife Kate. Kate is the victim who went down with the plane, but she's not really dead, everyone just thinks she is.

Kate's kids are Austin and Billie and they just recently reconciled with her for abandoning them as children, just before she went off the wrong end of the plane. Kate's other son is Lucas, who works at her company and is in cahoots with Sami to break up Austin and Carrie. Lucas is in love with Carrie, and Sami loves Austin.

Some people in the soap medium have referred to "Days of Our Lives" as grand, gothic storytelling — and it is.

If you are good at suspending your belief in the natural world and want to be entertained, it's not too bad of a show (although in the same time slot are two of the best soaps on right now: "Guiding Light" and "General Hospital").

The problem with "Days" is that it spends too much time rewriting its history. People are always coming back from the dead (Stefano has come back at least five times). But when they come back from the dead, the confusion as to who they are permeates the whole show.

This has been the case with both Roman and Hope.

So if watching women morph into jaguars and seeing old men being attacked by killer bees is something you consider entertaining, then you might want to check out "Days of Our Lives."

Next week: "General Hospital"

Living Legacy of Music: Cancer Survivor Returns to Omaha

By Deb Derrick

Singer/songwriter Theresa Demarest is coming back to perform at her old stomping grounds Friday night — the College of St. Mary — but things will be different than they were 25 years ago.

This time, she'll play without the nuns. A lot has happened to Demarest since she brought her guitar to the Omaha convent in 1966, at age 18, and formed a pop-rock band with other novice nuns called "We People."

She was asked to leave the Sisters of Mercy Order after three-and-a-half years, just before she had to take her first serious vows.

She married a fellow musician, performed with him on the West Coast, and made two well-received albums.

And Demarest had cancer — twice. The second time, in 1987, doctors gave her 14 months to live. So she picked up her guitar and started to sing, just as she had done at the convent.

Eight years later, her cancer in remission, the 46-year-old is still singing. Her latest collection of songs on CD, "Bein' Who You Are," is being distributed regionally, including Homer's in Omaha. On June 23, Demarest will play these songs and others at the College of St. Mary's Gross Lecture Hall, 1901 S. 72nd St., at

8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

"The music is about what's happened to me in my life," Demarest said. "I don't know why I got cancer twice. I think I'm still here because I'm supposed to be."

After a divorce in 1979, Demarest decided to pursue a nursing career. She was in her junior year of nursing school in Oregon when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1983. After chemotherapy and a double mastectomy, Demarest was confident she had licked the disease.

But in 1987, just as she was starting a career as a critical care nurse, Demarest's cancer returned — in her chest wall. This time, doctors weren't as hopeful. "It scared me to death," Demarest said. But it also got her thinking. "I have these conversations with myself," she said. "I ask myself, what is your life about, what are you supposed to be doing?" It always comes out music.

Music has been part of Demarest's life since her brother got a guitar for his birthday. "He didn't want it," she said. "I just picked it up and started playing."

Demarest was quiet and shy in high school but remained attached to the guitar, she said. She brought her guitar to the convent, against the wishes of other nuns who told her to leave the instrument at home. "I was disobedient," she said,

"right from the beginning."

Raised in a strict Irish Catholic family in California, Demarest was determined to be a nun when she came to Omaha in 1966. She started playing her guitar at the convent. Her songs, including "Wipe Out" and "California Dreaming," were "pretty hot stuff" to some of the nuns, she said. Demarest found other novice nuns with musical talents. Their group, "We People," performed at Creighton and at clubs around Omaha — in full religious garb.

In between engagements, the group rehearsed on the convent's fourth floor. Rhythms and vibrations from the band's drums, electric guitar and bass could be heard several floors below, particularly disturbing to some of the elderly nuns, Demarest said. But the band had at least one fan within the convent. "Our novice mistress was a rabble-rouser," Demarest said. "She kept the establishment of nuns at bay for quite a while, more than we realized."

Demarest's music has evolved into what she describes as neo-folk, with jazz, blues and country influences. She had a band in Portland, Ore., which included Janice Groggins, a Grammy Award-winning keyboardist. Other members play drums, bass and saxophone. All music is original and the band performs at festivals and

concerts in the Pacific Northwest.

Music is like a universal language, Demarest said. "It really connects to people." When Demarest's audience makes that connection at her concerts, "It's a joy," she said. "It's a great feeling."

"We should all laugh a lot," she said. "When people come to my concerts, they have a good time."

Demarest is having a good time doing just what she wants to do. "Before the cancer hit, I thought I had forever to do this or that, including my music," she said. "That's not true. Everything you do and you say, and every person you meet is very important."

One of the most important persons in Demarest's life is her teenage son, now in college. The entire album, "Bein' Who You Are," was recorded for him, she said.

"When they told me the cancer had come back, I decided I wanted something permanent to leave for my son, that he could hear when I'm gone."

This is for him.

Shakespeare, Free Music Fill Omaha's Summer

By Kathleen Peek

Those lazy, hazy days of summer are here again and it's time to find something to keep yourself entertained. If you're tired of tanning, there's plenty to keep you busy.

This Thursday you can spend an enjoyable evening in a parklike setting watching the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival's performance of "Twelfth Night." It will be presented Thursday through June 25 and again July 6 and 8 in the area south of the Fine Arts Building. There will be a 7:30 p.m. greenshow, a time where jesters, jugglers and other merry-makers entertain the audience before the 8:30 p.m. performance.

The Music in the Parks will continue this summer at the Gene Leahy Mall, 10th & Farnam Streets, with 6 p.m. concerts on Sunday evenings.

If you work downtown, you can enjoy lunch time entertainment at the City-County Building, 18th & Harney Streets at noon.

If you're looking for an alternative to the bar scene on Friday nights, you can enjoy free concerts at Rockbrook Village Shopping Center, 108th & Center Streets and Heartland of America Park, 8th & Douglas Streets. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

One way to beat the summer heat is to take a cruise. Cruise the Heartland of America Park lake. For a mere 25 cents you can enjoy the beautiful fountain up close. Hours for the boat rides are

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays and noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

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noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

For the sports-minded, you might want to go and check out the Omaha Royals. Omaha is privileged to have fine, professional baseball right in our own backyard, so take advantage of the opportunity to eat some peanuts and Cracker Jacks and enjoy the game. For the athletic-minded, there are plenty of trails in the Omaha area for bicycling and walking. Fontenelle Forest and Chalco Hills lake are just two of the many enjoyable trails.

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Despite Opposition, Nelson Maintains University Budget Cuts

By Tim Rohwer

University of Nebraska Board of Regents Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien said last week that Gov. Ben Nelson did respond to a letter she wrote expressing disappointment in his veto of more than 17 million dollars from the Legislature's budget for the NU system.

"I spoke to the governor by phone as well as receiving a letter from him about a day or two after the actual Regents' vote (to increase students' tuition). It was a very cordial conversation," O'Brien said. His response was that he simply reiterated his earlier position on budget matters. He said he wanted to treat the university system the same as other state agencies, and that the state was in a budget crisis."

In her letter sent to Nelson on June 7 and reprinted in the *Gateway* on June 9, O'Brien wrote that the governor's veto will have a serious, negative impact on the university and the state.

"There has never been a more important time for investment in higher education,

and the University of Nebraska, with 50,000 students, is by far the largest and most significant provider of higher education in the state. Your (Nelson) funding gap leaves no new support to address priorities such as engineering education, critically needed new faculty positions, libraries and contributions to our health insurance trust. This is unfortunate and unnecessary," a portion of O'Brien's letter said.

"The governor said he wanted to treat the NU system the same as other agencies, and I would argue that the university is different," O'Brien said by telephone of Nelson's response. "It was a very cordial conversation, and we both agreed to disagree on certain issues."

To offset Nelson's veto, the Regents voted unanimously to increase students' tuition by 6.2 percent.

The increase is to pay for various priorities, according to O'Brien's information.

About 3 percent of the increase will go to what the Regents deemed the highest pri-

orities, which include faculty salaries, engineering education and new buildings.

About 2.7 percent will go to other high priorities, which include hiring additional faculty and library improvements.

The remaining 0.5 percent will go to student financial aid.

O'Brien said more funds are needed because college enrollment, which had been in a steady decline nationwide in recent years, is beginning to increase again.

According to statistics she received from the UNO Registrar's office, O'Brien said in the letter that UNO has admitted 10 percent more freshman than at this time last year and that transfer applications are up 17 percent. Re-admissions, students who attended UNO at least two years ago and have applied to be re-admitted, are up more than 50 percent.

She said these numbers will probably not increase the overall enrollment for this fall simply because the spring's graduating class was one of the largest in recent years. She also said the new students will demand more

courses than in the past.

"Total enrollment and total revenue is not expected to increase, but the change in composition of the campuses' student bodies will require many new sections of courses for freshmen," O'Brien wrote in the letter.

She said the enrollment statistics, which included the Lincoln and Kearney campuses as well, was an important part of the letter.

"That was a key part for showing the impact on how many new freshmen were going to come into the NU system. Even though you may have fewer students on the junior and senior level, when you have more enrollment on the lower level, there is a demand for more classes," O'Brien said.

She also said that tuition increases may occur again in the future, primarily because of inflation.

"I think increases are a reality in the future, but the challenge for us in the Regents are to keep them as low as possible," O'Brien said.



Runner Trina Norman, of FirstTier Bank, passes by 1994 Easter Seals ambassador child Sarah Matthews and Gary Baber, of Creighton University, during the Inacom 24-Hour Relay held Saturday and Sunday at UNO's Al Caniglia track and field. Teams of 20 people from corporations such as Inacom, First National Bank and Union Pacific walked, ran and competed in sporting tournaments for 24-hours straight to raise money for the Easter Seals foundation.

—Lydia Johnson

UNO Students Can Get Fit, Save Time and Money While Staying in Their Own Backyard

By Derek Kowal

Admit it. You care about your body, and you want to take care of it. But like many times before, you've talked yourself out of going to a fitness club because of the cost, or because it's just too busy, or simply because you don't enjoy going into a room with other people and lifting weights for hours at a time.

But if you didn't already know, UNO has its own fitness club called the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Center. It has weight machines, a swimming pool, racquetball courts and clinics that are relatively free of charge for tennis, aerobics, weightlifting and volleyball.

Daniel Blanke, assistant director of the HPER Center, said there are several advantages to using the building over going to a fitness center, especially cost.

While fitness centers such as Gold's Gym and The Westroads Club charge membership fees, the HPER Center's cost is covered mostly by student fees.

Mike Kult, assistant director of campus recreation, said HPER offers clean facilities and because of its size, it doesn't seem as crowded as other places.

Kult said that since it is here at UNO, it is more likely to be around longer than fitness clubs, which depend on memberships.

"We'll be around next year, where some other places might not be," said Kult. He said the addition of family programming to the clinics has brought in a personal and friendly touch.

"It's important to serve not only students, but their families as well," Blanke said.

For those interested in using the HPER Center, Kult said peak times are weekdays during lunchtime and dinner (11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4 p.m.-7 p.m.). On weekends, Kult said Saturday's peak time is between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and Sunday's is after lunchtime.

Kult said programs offered by the HPER Center help distinguish it from other health clubs. It offers intramural activities for groups to get together and compete in sports.

HPER also offers outdoor adventures, such as hiking trips, which he said are great chances for people with similar interests to enjoy the outdoors together.

Blanke said they have made several additions to the weight room and have added the family room and ping-pong tables.

Kult said that soon everyone will see significant changes.

Class Paper Becomes Reality

By Jonathan Murnane

There are those who do things and those who write about them. UNO senior Nancy Glassman does both.

Glassman researched the need for a children's computer center in South Omaha for a paper in her urban studies class, but she didn't stop there.

Glassman acted on her research, and with the help of her friend, Jack Martinez, opened the Kids Computer Club.

"At first I just wanted to see how difficult it would be to start it," Glassman said. "But then I saw there was so much interest."

The idea for the center came from Martinez.

"There is already enough of an education gap between working-class neighborhoods and the more affluent communities," Martinez said. "Computer technology is only making the gap worse."

Martinez also said he wanted to work against the influence of gangs and other problems the neighborhood faces.

"You really have to do something about it," he said. "You can only complain about it for so long."

Glassman said she was very fortunate to get the center opened as quickly as she did.

"We were really lucky, the timing was very good," Glassman said.

She said her biggest worry initially was how to develop the center without funding. Fr. Damian Zuerlein eased that worry.

Zuerlein donated the space for the center, at

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 23rd and O Streets.

Glassman overcame another obstacle when she asked a friend from Enron Corp., how she should solicit businesses for donations.

The friend, Tim Aron, donated used computers from his corporation.

Glassman said the main goal of the center is to "raise the expectation and confidence level of the kids."

"A lot of the kids don't have access to computers," Glassman said. "We thought this would be a way to benefit the kids of South Omaha."

The center is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Although attendance has declined since summer started, Glassman said she still has about five "regulars."

Glassman and Martinez said they hope to update the center and to network the units so they can introduce the children to electronic mail and the Internet.

Besides being partners in this project, Glassman and Martinez recently wed. Glassman said she hopes to extend the center's hours in the future, but said that depends on getting more volunteers.

Overall, Glassman said she wants to see the center still around a few years from now.

"A lot of kids like the center," Glassman said. "I think we're doing them some good."

Appointments, Residence Hall Highlight Senate Meeting

By Kate Kalamaja

Eight new appointments were brought to the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

- Sen. Michael Douglas was appointed to budget committee chair.
- Polly Faltin and Randy D. Kasal were appointed to the senior class senate seats.
- Lynn Oberle was appointed to the junior class senate seat.
- Chih-Wei Wu and Tyler D. French were appointed to the College of Business Administration senate seats.
- Jennifer Eden was appointed to the traffic appeals commission.
- Wilfred "Henry" Looby was appointed student court justice.

Also at the meeting, the Senate presented a plaque to Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student services. Hoover resigned in April to become the president of Hastings College. He leaves June 30.

Being the vice chancellor of educational and student services, Hoover oversees the Student Senate.

"We honored him for his contributions to Student Government," said Student President/Regent Justin Peterson. "He's done an excellent job as vice chancellor."

Peterson also commented on the turnout at the University of Nebraska Board of Regent's meeting June 8. He thanked all of the students for going to Lincoln in support of a proposal

for residence halls at UNO.

"A large number of international students attended the meeting," Peterson said. He commended Rami Sawiged, director of International Student Services, for his efforts in getting students to attend the meeting.

The Regents approved the residence hall proposal with a 6 to 1 vote.

In other business:

• Peterson left Monday morning for a one-month internship in Jon Christensen's, R-Neb., Washington, DC office. He will return July 20. Peterson has designated the power of attorney to former Chief

Administrative Officer Heather Rizzuto. Peterson will contact Rizzuto at least once a week, and if necessary more, while absent. He said he has complete confidence in Rizzuto's ability to handle things while he's away.

• Student agency directors announced they are planning an all-day fiesta in September for all students. They plan to have bands and food, and the event will be free to students. The student agencies include the Women's Resource Center, International Student Services, Disabled Student Agency, American Multicultural Students and the Council for Community and Legislative Relations.



Construction workers, Dave Cotton (on truck) and Pat Rea negotiate the dangly-bit of a crane during a hot day's construction on the Milo Bail Student Center.

—M. Glogowski

Modern Humans' Genetic Structure Suggests Common Ancestry

By College Press Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—He ain't heavy, he's my brother.

And you thought that catchy phrase was just something to hum along to.

Think again. According to a Yale University study, all humans could have descended from the same group of male ancestors who lived only about 270,000 years ago.

So does this mean that Newt Gingrich and Jesse Jackson have more in common with each other than they may think? Biologically speaking, yes, said researchers.

When examining a section of the Y chromosome in 38 men from throughout the world, researchers found virtually no differences, despite the fact that genetic mutations occur at a fairly predictable rate over time. This surprising find adds to the growing evidence that modern humans share the same basic genetic makeup, said Robert L. Dorit, Yale assistant professor of biology, who conducted the research with Hiroshi Akashi of the University of Chicago and Walter Gilbert of Harvard University.

"If we all descended from a recent common ancestor, and if the history of human populations is a history of movement and gene flow, then the differences between us,

as socially striking as we may wish to make them, are largely irrelevant from a biologist's standpoint," said Dorit.

The study seems to corroborate the timeline of the controversial "Eve" hypothesis, which holds that all humans are descended from female ancestors who lived in Africa about 200,000 years ago.

At the same time, it appears to rule out an opposing theory that modern humans simultaneously evolved in different regions of the Old World from an earlier human ancestor—Homo erectus—who migrated out of Africa perhaps 1 million years ago. The lack of genetic variation found in the Yale study makes it highly unlikely that independent Y chromosome lineages have been evolving for a million or more years along separate paths, Dorit said.

"The idea was to get a snapshot of this part of the Y chromosome in a worldwide sample of humans that would help us establish some kind of evolutionary tree connecting human populations," he said. "We were very surprised to find no genetic differences in humans, although we found mutations as expected when we studied primates. This probably means we are a very young species."

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family had described him as a good person. Gallup said there were previous cases that had convictions overturned because of the same debate.

"It's a pretty strong argument," he said.

Muldoon said the cases that were overturned were "unfortunate" because it hinders the police department.

"People believe that we have an infinite number of police officers," Muldoon said. "That's not the case at all. We have very few investigators. They just can't do everything all at once."

Gallup said his job as a lawyer is to see that cases are handled in a legal manner, to protect the rights of all citizens.

"Lawyers don't deal in moral guilt, they deal in legal guilt," Gallup said. "Osborn did something morally wrong."

Gallup said the issue was whether or not the case was handled in a legal manner not whether or not he is guilty.

The Gogan's said they didn't like the inconsistencies in Osborn's confession.

One of the mitigating factors in the sentencing was that Osborn was drunk, after consuming eight to 10 beers.

"In his confession to the detectives there was never anything said about him being drunk," Gogan said. "That part came about after he had an attorney."

Laura's roommate was UNO student Tammy Rybolt. Rybolt found the body after Laura's murder.

Rybolt was a witness at trial and attended most of the proceedings. She said she felt satisfied at the sentencing.

"It was good to know he wasn't going to live a life of luxury before he died," Rybolt said. "I liked that idea."

Rybolt also said she was concerned about Osborn winning an appeal and "getting off" on a technicality.

"That is not justice at all," she said.

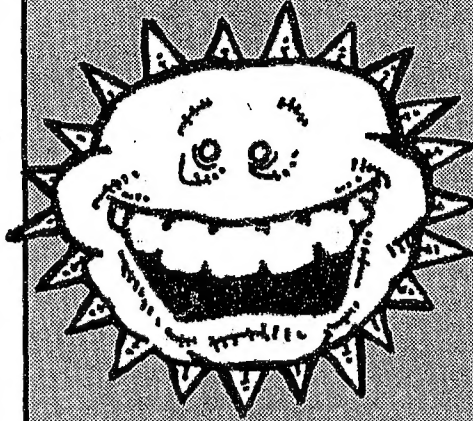
The Gogan's said they shared the same fears as Rybolt.

"My biggest concern is that the judge will rule on a little legal matter and we will have to start all over," Gogan said.

Gallup said that Osborn has 30 days from the sentence to file an appeal, and it would probably take six to nine months before the case would be heard by the Court of Appeals.

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Jay Cardosi



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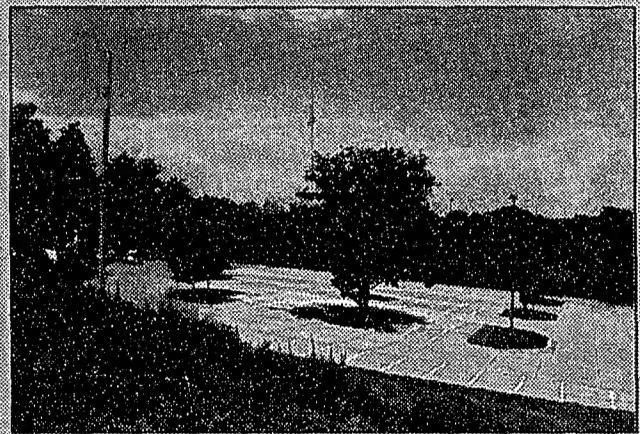
and gifts from private developers would pay for construction.

Hoover said that after construction, the total cost of the residence hall could rise somewhere between \$18 million and \$20 million.

Hoover said there are two possible locations for the site of the residence hall — Ak-Sar-Ben or just south of the criminal justice building.

IF UNO chooses the on-campus site, Hoover said there is a possibility that some parking might be lost to accommodate the residence hall, but a new parking structure is also being considered.

Hoover said the addition of a residence hall is, "something that's been missing," from UNO in recent years, and that it, "will enhance the school's ability to recruit international students, and athletes, and show them we have a safe place for them to stay."



Parking Lot L, south of the criminal justice building, is now under scrutiny for the future site of residence halls on campus.

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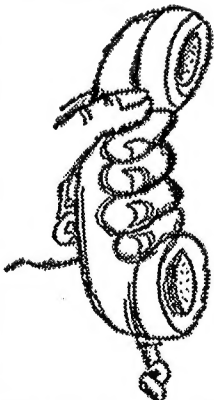
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